Camp-shed or T. B. at Parur.

314, *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether there is a camp-shed or T. B. at Parur; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government have any idea of constructing one?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

Bridges at Murinjapuzha and Poothotta.

315. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether there are bridges for vehicular traffic at Murinjapuzha and Poothotta on the Vaikom—Udayamperoor road; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government propose to construct bridges in those places?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The P. W. D. is investigating the matter.

Interest to be realised by the Forest Department from the defaulters.

316. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether there is any rule regarding the rate of interest to be realised by the Forest Department from the defaulting purchasers of coupes, etc.; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether they are aware that the rate of interest realised now by the Department differs in different Forest Divisions?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Demand for softwood.

317. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the demand for softwood is on the increase; and

(*b*) if so, whether any steps have been taken to meet the same?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Supply of Bombay Salt.

318, *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Excise Commissioner invited fresh tenders, for the supply of Bombay salt, for a period of two years;

(*b*) whether tender notices were supplied by the Excise Department to all the parties who had put in their tenders at the first invitation for the tenders for the supply of Bombay salt for the year 1109;

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(*c*) if not, why not;

(*d*) whether the deposit amounts furnished by those who had submitted tenders for the supply of salt for one year (1109) were returned on the cancellation of those tenders; and

(*e*) whether the deposit amount of any one was retained in the office after the cancellation of tenders submitted for the supply of Bombay salt for one year (1109)?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) As per notice dated the 16th September 1933, published in the Gazette dated the 26th September 1933.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this does not arise.

(*d*) Of the two tenderers, the earnest money of one was returned. As his representative who came to present the tender did not produce any power of attorney, the money was returned to his principal by money order.

(*e*) The deposit money of the other tenderer was placed under Revenue Deposit, as he did not apply for the refund of the same.

Assistant Excise Commissioners.

319. *MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-wise return of the Assistant Excise Commissioners?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any Ezhava has at any time been appointed as an Assistant Excise Commissioner?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) A statement furnishing the required information is placed on the table.

(*b*) No.

Removal of royal trees on private holdings.

320. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing:

(*a*) the number, cubic contents and cost of royal trees cut down from private holdings in each Range since 1st Chingom 1109 up to date (6-11-1109/20-6-1934);

(*b*) the number, cubic contents and cost of royal trees cut down from reserves during the same period;

(*c*) the number, cubic contents and cost realised of royal trees' timber on an average during the last three years and

(*d*) the arrears of *Kudivila* in each Range?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The information required is furnished in the †statement laid on the table.

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* *Vide* Appendix VIII

† *Vide* Appendix IX.

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